

CLAIMS:

1. An air-bag arrangement comprising a single inflatable element and a gas generator configured to inflate the inflatable element, the inflatable element defining at least two chambers for inflation by gas from the gas generator, the air-bag arrangement further comprising a gas-supply duct having an end-outlet aperture formed through an end-wall of the gas-supply duct so as to have a diameter smaller than the bore of the gas-supply duct; and at least one side-outlet aperture formed through a side-wall of the gas-supply duct at a position substantially adjacent the end-outlet aperture, the or each side-outlet aperture being configured to direct gas out of the gas-supply duct in a direction substantially orthogonal to the direction of gas directed through the end-aperture, wherein the gas-supply duct is arranged to direct gas from the gas generator to one of said two chambers through the end-outlet aperture, and from the gas generator to the other of said two chambers through said at least one side-outlet aperture.
2. An air-bag arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the gas-supply duct comprises a plurality of said side-outlet apertures formed in the side-wall.
3. An air-bag arrangement according to claim 2, wherein each of said plurality of side-outlet apertures is arranged to direct gas out of the gas-supply duct in a direction non-parallel with the direction of gas directed through the or each other said side-outlet aperture.
4. An air-bag arrangement according to any preceding claim, wherein said inflatable element defines a gas-flow passage interconnecting said two

chambers, and wherein at least one of said outlet apertures is arranged to direct gas along said flow-passage.

5. An air-bag arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the or each outlet aperture arranged to direct gas along said flow passage is arranged to direct said gas in a direction angled at approximately 45 degrees to the axis of said flow passage.

6. An air-bag arrangement according to any preceding claim, wherein the inflatable element is in the form of an inflatable curtain.

7. An air-bag arrangement according to any preceding claim, wherein the gas-supply duct has a curved or bent configuration.

8. An air-bag arrangement according to claim 7, wherein the gas-supply duct has two linear regions, the axis of one said linear region making an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the axis of the other linear region.